<u>Abstract</u>

The invention relates to a method for forming functional layers on an inorganic or organic substrate, wherein

- a) a low-temperature plasma, a corona discharge, high-energy radiation and/or a flame treatment is caused to act on the inorganic or organic substrate,
- b) 1) at least one activatable initiator or 2) at least one activatable initiator and at least one ethylenically unsaturated compound is/are applied in the form of a melt, solution, suspension or emulsion to the inorganic or organic substrate, there being incorporated in the activatable initiator and/or the ethylenically unsaturated compound at least one function-controlling group which results in the treated substrate's acquiring desired surface properties, and
- c) the coated substrate is heated and/or is irradiated with electromagnetic waves, the substrate thereby acquiring the desired surface properties.

The invention relates also to substrates coated in accordance with the method and to their use.